

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMERCE AND REVENUE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 110, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex  
January 25, 2006

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Mark Madsen, Co-Chairman  
Rep. Peggy Wallace, Co-Chairman  
Sen. Ed Mayne  
Sen. Curtis Bramble  
Rep. Jim Dunnigan  
Rep. Craig Frank  
Rep. Ross Romero  
Rep. Mark Wheatley  
Rep. Richard Wheeler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. Lorie Fowlke

**STAFF PRESENT:** Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst  
Barbara Thomas, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of handouts and visitors lists will be filed with committee minutes.

**MOTION:** Rep. Frank moved to approve the minutes of January 23. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, and Rep Wheeler absent for the vote.

**Request for Appropriation:**

Rep. Cosgrove made a request for appropriation of \$100,000 to promote the use of the Federal Earned Income tax credit program.

Joshua Pedersen, 211 Director, and Bill Crimm, United Way, spoke to the request

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL BUDGET**

**MOTION:** Rep. Dunnigan moved to accept the Analyst's recommendation for Bond Payments, Employee Maintenance and Warranty for the automated warehouse, New Package agency, Package Agency increase and COLA for package agencies at the same level as state employees. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **INSURANCE BUDGET**

- MOTION:** Rep. Wallace moved to approve the fees as outlined in the budget brief. the motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Rep Dunnigan moved to approve the 5 FTEs recommended in the budget. The motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Rep. Wallace moved to approve \$16,000 for Enterprise Content Management Software maintenance. The motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Rep. Dunnigan moved to approve \$3,796,100 in ongoing General Funds with \$2,000,000 one time funding for HIPUtah. The motion failed with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Madsen and Rep. Romero voting in opposition.
- MOTION:** Sen. Bramble moved to accept the analyst recommendation of \$3,796,100 and \$1,000,000 in one time funds for HIPUtah. The motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Rep. Wallace moved to approve the supplemental intent language in the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

### **WORKFORCE SERVICES**

Stan Eckersley, analyst, reviewed the following new performance measures in the Workforce Services budget:

1. Getting a job through Workforce Services
2. Keeping the job
3. Food stamp payment accuracy
4. Time to process an application
5. Serving employers
6. Unemployment insurance timeliness
7. Employers using on line services

Mr. Eckersley reviewed the issue briefs and his recommendations:

- \$3,585,000 for the eRep software
- \$ 4,000,000 in ongoing General Fund and \$1,000,000 one time funding for a FY 06 supplemental for General Assistance.
- Increase Food Stamp ongoing General Funds by \$945,200
- State expenditures of \$1,427,913 for Kindergarten toward child care maintenance help draw down an additional \$3,455,000 in Federal funds
- Comprehensive Unemployment Benefits System (CUBS) request for phase II modernization is \$4,213,000.

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Tani Downing and John Nixon, Dept. of Workforce Services, spoke indicating that they need intent language which allows them to use the General Funds for Phase II of the CUBS project.

Mr. Nixon reviewed a history of the authorization bill. He asked for the following:

- ERep software, an additional \$500,000
- General Assistance a total of \$6,000,000 for FY 07 and a supplemental of \$1,500,000 for FY 06
- As recommended for the Food Stamp program
- Funding of \$2.7 million to draw down \$6,000,000 federal monies from the Child Care Development Fund

He also spoke to concerns of Workforce Services budget reduction if HB 8 is passed, although they take a neutral position on the bill.

The following spoke to the proposed budget:

Bill Starks, Unemployment Insurance Director

Karen Silver, SLCAP, concerned with duplication of software efforts

Nichole Bown, spoke in support of child care funding.

Chris Bray, CCR&R, spoke of referral services provided

Robyn Lipkowitz, Utah Issues, encouraged increasing ongoing funding

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

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Sen. Mark Madsen, Co-Chair

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Rep. Peggy Wallace, Co-Chair